Gomer H. Glancey





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 885240

Regiment: - Royal Artillery, 25 Field Regt.

Died: - Killed in Action, North West Europe, 16th July 1944 age 22

Cemetery: - St Manvieu War Cemetery, Cheux, France, grave X. J. 18.

Gomer was born in c. 1920 (registered Huddersfield) the only son of Benjamin and Doris Violet Glancey (nee Gibbs) who lived at 27, Oxford Road, Gomersal, from before 1923 until 1933 when they moved to Bradford.

Whilst living at Gomersal he attended Birstall Wesleyan Day and Sunday School, leaving when his parents moved to Bradford. Before the war he was an apprentice at Messrs. T. Obank, builders, Idle. His family lived at 158, Osborne Street, Bradford.

Gomer was mobilised with the Territorial's at the outbreak of war and saw service in France in 1940, and was with the Eighth Army all through the North African Campaign serving in the 25th Regiment of the Royal Artillery.
The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. Gomer was killed in action in France on 16 July 1944 and was buried at St Manvieu War Cemetery, Cheux, France, where the majority of soldiers died in the fluctuating battles from mid-June to the end of July 1944, in the region between Tilly-sur-Seulles and Caen.

Gomer is remembered with Honour at Normandy Memorial, column 177 and Batley War Memorial Addenda 2021. He was awarded 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.



FORMER BIRSTALL BOY KILLED IN ACTION

24, Had Served In Major Campaigns Since 1939

Mr. and Mrs. B. Glancey, 158, Osborne Street, Bradford, have had official information that their only son, Gunner Gomer Glancey, R.A., was killed in action on July 16th in the North-West Europe theatre of war. He was 24 years of age, was mobilised with the Territorials at the outbreak of war, saw service in France in 1940, and was with the Eighth Army all through the North Africa campaign.

Gomer Glancey.

He was an old boy of Birstall Wesleyan Day and Sunday School, leaving when his parents removed to Bradford 12 years ago. Before the war he was an apprentice with Messrs. T. Obank, builders, Idle.

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